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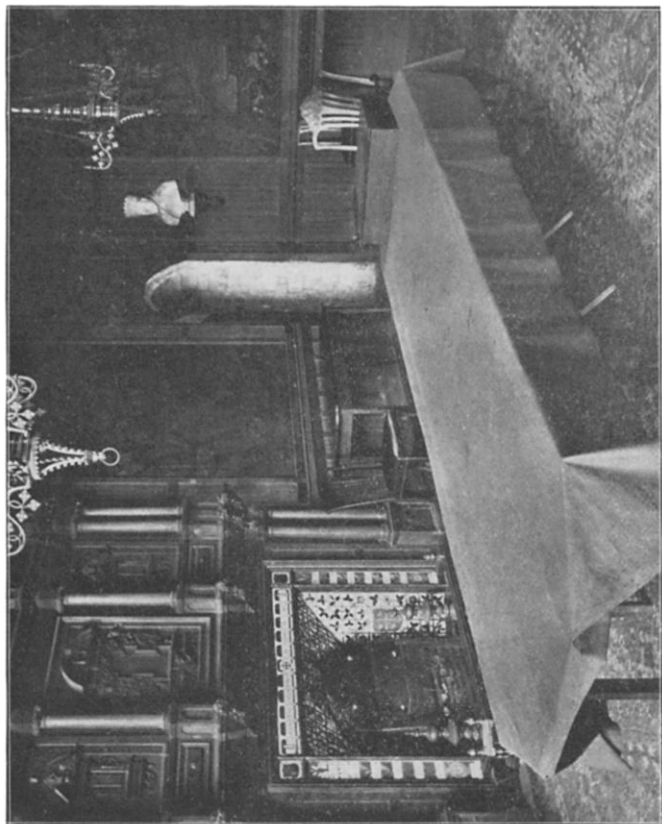
## THE JERUSALEM CHAMBER.<sup>1</sup>

THE Jerusalem Chamber, adjoining the southwest corner of Westminster Abbey, was built in 1386. Its name is derived from the stained glass in the window, which was brought from Jerusalem, or, as some say, from the cedar of Lebanon used in its decoration. On the walls are hung portraits done in exceedingly beautiful tapestry. Henry IV died in this room, thus fulfilling the prophecy that he should die at Jerusalem. It is sometimes called *Crown Room*, because here kings and queens receive the crown for coronation or for some great occasion. The sovereign passes through the door upon the right of the fireplace, through King James' room, or that in which James I received his version of the Bible fresh from the hands of the printer, then through a private and royal door, away into the main portion of the abbey.

Upon the dissolution of the ancient monastery, of which this was the chapter house, it passed into possession of the crown. From that time it has been used for the meetings of the dean and chapter of Westminster.

The *Westminster Assembly of Divines* sat here for five and one-half years and produced the "Assembly's Catechism" and "Confession of Faith." The *Committee for the Revision of the Holy Scriptures*, appointed May 5, 1870, also sat here, and the table in the middle of the room, covered with a dark green felt cloth, is the one around which the committee sat.

<sup>1</sup> See frontispiece.



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